

Shellfish Department July 2017 Monthly Report

The Shellfish Department finished spreading cultch in the harbor in the first week of July. We would like to thank the D.P.W for their continued service to our department with our cultch project. The veteran commercial shellfishermen are getting their bushel of oysters per tide. Herring River and Blackfish Creek have shown and provided an abundance of growth and product throughout the summer. We are proud to say that the wild commercial shellfishermen have been following the Vibrio Management plan without any infractions or incidents this month. The recreational shellfishermen are mainly harvesting oysters at the Indian Neck area. This year to our knowledge, Indian Neck's oyster population is greatest it has ever been. The boats are still harvesting a mixture of quahogs and blood arks.

We had a few incidents of unlicensed visitors taking oysters off wild flats and in one incident a grant. The oysters were confiscated and individuals were educated about our shellfish regulations.

The oysters that we have growing on our bed have grown about 4cm since early July. In the shellfish advisor board meeting the discussion of hats in Chipman's Cove was discussed and the conversation will continue. We apologize for this tardy report.

Respectfully submitted,

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